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SUBJECT: NEW GENERAL MOTORS CONTRACT SIGNED

REF: CARACAS 4065 OF MAY 11, 1973

1. GENERAL MOTORS OF VENEZUELA SIGNED A NEW 3-YEAR CONTRACT WITH UNION ON MARCH 7. BOTH COMPANY AND UNION OFFICIALS PROFESS SATISFACTION WITH NEW AGREEMENT WHICH HOPEFULLY MARKS END TO A PERIOD OF TURBULENT LABOR RELATIONS AT GENERAL MOTORS PLANT. AT ONE POINT IN EARLY 1973 THERE WAS A SERIOUS POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE AND G.M. DETROIT WAS PREPARED TO PULL OUT OF VENEZUELA ENTIRELY.

2. MAIN PROVISIONS OF NEW CONTRACT ARE A FIVE BOLIVAR PER DAY (U.S. \$1.17) ACROSS-THE-BOARD WAGE INCREASE FOR WORKERS, AN END OF YEAR BONUS OF THE EQUIVALENT OF 62 DAYS' EARNINGS (UTILIDADES), 28 DAYS OF ANNUAL VACATION WITH 30 DAYS' PAY PLUS A VACATION BONUS OF 300 BOLIVARS. MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES RECEIVED A SEVEN PERCENT SALARY INCREASE.

3. METAL WORKERS FEDERATION (FETRAMETAL) PRESIDENT JOSE MOLLEGAS STATES THAT THE UNIONS WILL EQUAL OR IMPROVE UPON THE GM CONTRACT PROVISIONS WHEN THE FORD AND CHRYSLER CONTRACTS ARE RENEGOTIATED LATER THIS YEAR.

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